

House Resolution 1704

By: Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Carter of the 175th, and Black of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sheriff Marshall Ashley Paulk on the occasion of his retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Marshall Ashley Paulk has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to public service and the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he was born in Valdosta, Georgia, and received his early education in the
7 Valdosta School System and went on to attend Clemson University; and

8 WHEREAS, he is a loving husband to his wife of 40 years, Ginger Schroer Paulk, and they
9 are the proud parents of five children and 18 grandchildren, and members of the First Baptist
10 Church of Valdosta; and

11 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
12 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his many
13 years of exemplary service as sheriff; and

14 WHEREAS, upon becoming sheriff he instituted several initiatives, including stringent ethics
15 rules which have been adopted by the Georgia Sheriffs' Association of which he is past
16 president, a National Drug Interdiction Training Course, and a release program whereby
17 inmates, sentenced to fines and county jail time, have the opportunity to work at a local
18 business and use their earnings to pay their fines, child support, restitution, and a fee that
19 reduces the cost of inmate housing to the taxpayer; and

20 WHEREAS, the strength of commitment to his community is shown by his dedication to and
21 involvement in the Boys & Girls Club for 25 years, the Boy Scouts of America, the Georgia
22 Sheriffs' Youth Homes, the Boys Ranch, the Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes
23 County, the Lowndes Area Adoptive Support Group, the Lowndes County and Valdosta

1 Public School Systems, the Hospice House, events honoring the men and women of Moody
2 Air Force Base, the Lowndes/Echols American Cancer Society Golf Tournament of which
3 he has been chairman for 27 years, the board of Guardian Bank, and America's Second
4 Harvest of South Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2006 he received the International Rotary Award for Outstanding Service to
6 the Community, he is a member of the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training
7 Council, and in 1997 he was named Peace Officer of the Year by the National Exchange
8 Club of Valdosta; and

9 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
10 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the members of
11 his community and this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues
12 and associates; and

13 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
14 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
15 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
17 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body commend Sheriff Marshall Ashley Paulk for his many decades of
20 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this state and
21 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sheriff Marshall Ashley
24 Paulk.